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Kikukatsu ITO

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PLANT THERMOGENIC GENES AND PROTEINS

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated August 26, 2003.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 3-4.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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